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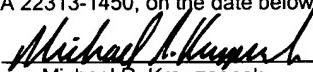
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Re: *U.S. Patent Application No. 10/069,313 entitled "A DEVICE FOR COLLECTING AND STORING A BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE" By Armitage et al.*
Our Ref. GENS:008US

Commissioner:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- (1) I. Amendment; II. Response to the Office Action Dated August 20, 2004; and III. Request for a Three-Month Extension of Time;
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Title: A DEVICE FOR COLLECTING AND STORING A BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE

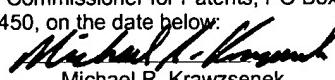
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**I. AMENDMENT; II. RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 20, 2004;
AND III. REQUEST FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants submit this Response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2004 ("the Action") for consideration in the above-referenced case.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 213.

A Response to the Office Action begins on page 6.

A Request for a Three-Month Extension of Time begins on page 12.